From the Principal’s Desk

WORLD TEACHERS DAY 2014

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers’ Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher’s day in Queensland on Friday 31 October and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank Jenny Neubecker and Bernadette Rodgers for the fantastic support that they show to me, the professionalism that they show each and every day and of course, for the way that they influence your children. The positive impact that they have on the students at our school and the dedicated way that they teach our students is unquestionable. Thank you for the way that you pass your vast knowledge on to the students at Avondale. I know that our families recognise and appreciate the effort as well. Congratulations

AVONDALE GRADUATES RECOGNISED

Last week I was proud to represent Avondale as I attended the North Bundaberg State High School annual awards night. Congratulations to past students of Avondale Jade King and Laura Billing who received awards.

DAY FOR DANIEL

This Friday, we will be participating in the annual ‘Day for Daniel’. Students are invited to wear a red T-Shirt to commemorate this important event. We will participate in some safety activities and discuss the importance of the ‘3 Rs’ REACT, RECOGNISE, REPORT. Please be reminded that students need to wear a shirt that has sleeves. If you do not have a red T-Shirt at home, please don’t feel like you need to go and buy a shirt especially for the day.

Relaxing on the school oval

OPSM

Last week, we received a picture book that has been produced by OPSM. This picture book has a story, as well as resources and is used in an effort to identify any issues that your children may have with their sight. It has been designed for parents to use the book if you feel that there may be any issues around your child’s sight. Please feel free to see me if you would like to borrow the book.
MELBOURNE CUP DAY

I hope you all have your racing gear ready for the great P&C Melbourne Cup fundraiser to be held at the Avondale Tavern next Tuesday. From what I have heard, it is always a great day, with heaps of prizes, raffles and a Calcutta. If you would like more information, please contact the school or fundraising co-ordinator Sharee Heath.

OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who attended our open day last Wednesday. It was a great day and fantastic to see everyone come along and have a look at the great work that our students are doing. Thank you to Mr Hutchinson, our music teacher who gave up his time to show you the great work that students have been participating in. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our Drumbeat co-ordinator Mark Terry for implementing this great social skills program with our senior students.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Thank you as well to the Grandparents who joined us on Monday as we celebrated Grandparents Day. The children enjoyed reading their postcards and poem, sharing their stories and showing their beautiful artwork. It was great to see you all.

CHAPPY’S CORNER

Random Acts of Kindness (RAOK)
October is RAOK month - the schools in Bundaberg take part in this event to encourage everyone to be kind - not just in October - but all year round.
We will be participating in some special projects so keep a look out for more information coming home from your class teachers.
Talk about it at home and see if as a family you can come up with some ideas for RAOK month for your family to participate in together. I’m encouraging students to be doing kind acts for their families and in their neighbourhoods too.

This Term
I will have lunch time activities running this term, such as craft, activity sheets, and loom bands. I’m also continuing My Life Rulz (creating resilience) in the Prep to 3 class. I will be attending camp with the 4-7 class at Cania Gorge.

If you want to contact me you can call the school office and I will get back to you as soon as possible if I’m not available at the time.

Chappy Kelli